

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 10/16/87FULL NAME Steve Allen AdamsSOCIAL SECURITY  
NUMBER [REDACTED]

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]CITY Schriever STATE Louisiana ZIP CODE 70395DATE OF BIRTH December 26, 1955 (This is important and should be exact)APPROXIMATE AGE 32 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)RELIGION Unknown NATIONALITY American CitizenOCCUPATION Collection AgentEDUCATION High School (1974) E.M. T. 3 years CollegeWEIGHT 350 lbs. HEIGHT 6' 2" RACE CaucasianCOLOR OF HAIR Brown COLOR OF EYES UnknownOUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Grossly overweight individual. Brown wavy hair,  
Auxiliary Officer (Volunteer) Deputy - Active Jaycees, Schriever Rescue SquadMARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN (Number, ages, and names, if possible)NAME OF SPOUSE SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
T-331	Schriever	La.	ASM	10/14/86	8/87

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

See Attached.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

CONFIDENTIAL

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

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Signed Ron Heywood

SCOUT EXECUTIVE Co-214

Council NEW Orleans Area

CONF015673

JAN 29, 1989

9, 1989 THE TIMES-PICAYUNE A-17

NEW ORLEANS Paper

## Man to serve 20 years for sex crimes

By The Associated Press

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — A Louisiana real estate agent and former Boy Scout camp employee was sentenced to 20 years in prison after being found guilty of committing sexual battery twice on a Metairie youth working as a junior counselor at a Mississippi scout camp.

A Circuit Court jury in Bay St. Louis deliberated an hour and 20 minutes Thursday before returning a guilty verdict against Steve Allen Adams, 33, of Shreve, La.

Judge Kosta Vlahos sentenced Adams to 10 years on each of the two charges.

Officials said the victim of the July 1987 attacks was a high school senior from Metairie.

## convicted of sexual battery

By NAN PATTON EHRBRIGHT

HANCOCK COUNTY BUREAU CHIEF

■ BAY ST. LOUIS — A Shreve, La., real estate agent and former Boy Scout camp employee faces a 20-year prison sentence after being convicted of committing sexual battery twice on a junior camp counselor in July 1987.

The jury deliberated about an hour and 20 minutes Thursday before returning a guilty verdict against Steve Allen Adams, 33.

Circuit Court Judge Kosta Vlahos immediately sentenced Adams to 10 years each on the two charges, to run consecutively.

The victim, a 5-foot 2-inch high school senior in Metairie, La., said he had attended summer camp at Salmen Scout Reservation north of Kiln in Hancock County since 1984.

On July 26, 1987, he said, he was working as a "counselor in training" during Cub Scout camp.

After a campfire that evening, he said, he went to the camp's health lodge, where camp staff members customarily gathered.

There, he said, he was subjected to two bouts of hazing during which Adams rubbed him with mayonnaise, mustard, liniment and other items.

The procedure, called "attitude adjustment" at the camp, was not an unusual occurrence and did not worry him, he said.

But later, he said, he became frightened when Adams offered him a ride to pick up clean clothes and then, instead of returning to the health lodge, drove him to an area called "the clay pits."

"He asked me some personal (sexual) questions. I started getting scared and worried, because I didn't know what was going to happen."

The youth said that Adams fondled him, performed oral sex on him and tried to force him to perform oral sex on Adams.

He did not try to run away, he said, because Adams was "a lot bigger," and because he did not know the woods well enough to flee.

Adams, who took the stand in his own defense, denied molesting the boy. It was another staff member, he said, who suggested that the youth be given an "attitude adjustment."

Adams, who owns Gulf State Collections Inc., raises rabbits and operates a shrimp boat, said he also is a certified emergency medical technician.

Miss. Coast Sun Herald - Jan 28, 1989

He had worked for Boy Scouts of America for about five years and had assisted with the summer camp program for three. His responsibilities included operating the mini-hospital and helping the Scouts earn merit badges in health.

After Adams' conviction, most of the jurors remained in court for the sentencing. They did not learn until then that Adams had a prior conviction in California for a homosexual offense.

May 1, 1989

Mr. Ronald K. Megwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No. 214

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Steve Allen Adams

Dear Ron:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scout.  
This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent  
Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

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READY FOR FILE

MAR 28 1989

A. GRAVES

March 27, 1989

Mr. Ronald K. Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No. 214

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Steve Allen Adams

Dear Ron:

I really appreciate your help over the months related to the above named individual. Periodically, we communicate to see if legal action is taking place.

I would like to know if any further action has taken place, since you last sent me a note which I received on November 4, 1988.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

CONF015676



SCOUTING/USA

National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Irving, Texas 75038-0096

October 26, 1988

Mr. Ronald K. Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No. 214

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL


SUBJECT: Steve Allen Adams

Dear Ron:

This folder again came to the top of the pile. You had indicated previously that the trial was set for September. Did the trial take place?

We would like the outcome, if this is now completed. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

  
Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

*Paul -  
Complications! Hancock County  
Miss. has a newly elected  
District Attorney - He has made  
a number of mistakes (not only  
our case) - So the trial is  
postponed - Not sure  
when it will be held -  
Will keep you  
informed -*

PLEASE NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

Boy Scouts of America, [REDACTED]

Irving, Texas 75015-2079

*Ron  
10-28-88  
[initials]*

CONF015677

October 26, 1988

Mr. Ronald K. Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No. 314

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Steve Allen Adams

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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

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OCT 27 1988  
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CONF015678



National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Irving, Texas 75038-3096

July 7, 1988

Mr. Ronald K. Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No 214

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEVE A. ADAMS

Dear Ron:

This is a follow-up to our previous communication concerning the above named individual. You indicated that you hoped this case would go to trial in the month of April. Since we have not heard from you for awhile, we are just asking if the trial has been completed and any sentencing imposed.

Thank you for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

*Paul -  
The matter is  
still not resolved -  
The trial is now  
set for Sept -  
Hope things are  
going well -  
Pam*

PLEASE NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

Boy Scouts of America, [redacted] Irving, Texas 75015-2079

CONF015679



July 7, 1988

Mr. Ronald K. Begwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No 214

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

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JUL 7 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

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SCOUTING/USA

National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Irving, Texas 75038-3096

April 12, 1988

Mr. Ronald K. Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No. 214

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Steve A. Adams

Dear Ron:

We appreciate the material which you sent previously concerning the above-named individual. We do understand that he has been arrested and that charges were pressed related to his actions with youth.

We would like to know if the legal action is now completed. If so, we would like the outcome and also any sentencing which may have been imposed. This would then close this file and enable us to refuse registration wherever an attempt might be made.

Please help us to complete this file so that we may protect the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

PLEASE NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS:

Boy Scouts of America, [redacted] Irving, Texas 75015-2079

CONF015681

April 12, 1988

Mr. Ronald K. Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No. 214

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Steve A. Adams

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Please help us to complete this file so that we may protect the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

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APR 12 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF015682

October 23, 1987

Ronald K. Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No. 214

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Steve A Adams

Dear Ron:

Thank you for the material you have sent us concerning the above named individual. This will help us set up a file and refuse registration attempts in another location.

We would like the outcome of the legal action which is now taking place. This would give us the information we need to complete our file.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service


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cc: South Central Region

CONF015683

STEVE ADAMS WAS RELEASED FROM EMPLOYMENT BY THE NEW ORLEANS AREA COUNCIL AT THE 1987 SUMMER CAMP. REASON FOR HIS DISMISSAL WAS FOR LEAVING CAMP OVERNIGHT, WITH ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER, WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE CAMP DIRECTOR.

AFTER ADAMS RELEASE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT ADAMS HAD SEXUALLY MOLESTED A 15 YEAR OLD STAFF MEMBER. THE LOCATION OF THE ALLEGED MOLESTATION OCCURRED AT CAMP SALMEN SCOUT RESERVATION HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE HEALTH LODGE IN A REMOTE SECTION OF CAMP. ADAMS POSITION AT CAMP WAS ASSISTANT HEALTH OFFICER. AS OF THIS WRITING, CHARGES HAVE BEEN PRESSED. ADAMS HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN HOUMA, LOUISIANA AND AWAITS EXTRADITION TO MISSISSIPPI TO FACE CHARGES.



October 13, 1987

Mr. Ronald K. Hegwood  
Scout Executive  
New Orleans Area Council, No. 214

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Steve A. Adams

Dear Ron:

We received information in early August concerning the above-named individual. I then wrote to you on August 5 asking for a Confidential Record Sheet.

I have been given some of the material which you prepared related to the chronological events which occurred. This is most helpful to us and I feel we have enough information to refuse registration should an attempt be made at a later time.

If any legal action has now transpired, we would like to have newspaper clippings or copies of court records if you can provide them. This will help to strengthen our file, making it possible for us to refuse registration anywhere in the country that an attempt might be made.

Please complete the Confidential Record Sheet with as much information as possible so that we may be able to identify Mr. Adams wherever he might locate.

Thank you for your help in protecting the youth of America. Let us know if we may be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: South Central Region

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OCT 14 1987  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF015685

August 5, 1987

Ronald K. Heywood  
New Orleans Area Council, No. 214

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

<sup>A</sup>  
SUBJECT: Steve Adams

Dear Pop:

We were recently made aware of the termination of Steve Adams from your camp staff. It was indicated he was terminated because of actions not in accordance with accepted behavior of a staff member.

We would like more information concerning this and would like to know if we should place him on the confidential file at this time. I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet for your use if you wish to complete this.

We would like to have the outcome of any legal action in the way of court records or newspaper clippings which would substantiate this action. This will strengthen our file so that registration can be refused in any part of the country.

Let us know if we can be of any help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

mdw  
Enclosure

cc: Regional Director, South Central Region

READY TO FILE

AUG 05 1987

ERIN O'RILEY

*Added to CF file. Deleted from registration files 8-6-87 cm*

CONF015686

New Orleans Area Council

02-02-214

J.E. Locali Higwood

[REDACTED]

J.E. called - In camp staff <sup>Heard</sup> member Steve Adams (age mid 30s) terminated this week - he was actually terminated because he left camp camp with one of the boys - J.E. has since been made aware of instance of sexual abuse with 15 yr old camper - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Adams was seen touching the private parts of [REDACTED] and then later went off with the boy - another staff member became concerned and went looking for them - the boy admitted to having sex with [REDACTED].

1. J.E. will call atty <sup>Council</sup> to notify reporting laws - both MS (location of camp) and LA (location of Council, boy & adult) have reporting laws - J.E. will report as requested
2. J.E. will follow MS of LA as ~~LA~~ also is a notification
3. J.E. will call the 15 yr old's advisor line that parents & proper authorities must be notified - nothing will then be done



CO 214

# NEWS ADVISORY

Date: August 3, 1987

Signed:

Barclay M. Bollar  
Barclay Bollar

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Ext: [REDACTED]

Source: \* Ron Hegwood, SE  
New Orleans Area Council

Address: [REDACTED]  
Metairie, LA

\* Initial call from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

## THE FACTS:

[REDACTED], 30s, single, of Schriever, La., health lodge director at the New Orleans Area Council's Salmen Scout Reservation, Hancock County, MS, has been dismissed from his paid summer camp staff position and from his registered BSA position as a district camping chairman.

Acting on rumors, the camp leadership has allegedly ascertained that [REDACTED] performed oral copulation on a 15-year-old Scout at the camp on Monday, July 27. The BSA has conferred with the youth and his parents, and has turned over its information to the Jefferson (LA) Parish Sheriff's office. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AS OF THIS DATE.

According to Hegwood, [REDACTED] had been inviting campers to "attitude adjustment" sessions whereby he performed massages with a combination of various oils and other lubricants. No complaints came to the attention of the camp staff, but when rumors developed the matter was referred to the camp chaplain who allegedly reported back that there were no problems. The July 27 situation came to light after some camp staff members apparently watched one of the "attitude adjustment" sessions, and after Adams is alleged to have lured the youth to a remote area of the camp for additional "fun."

## ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Hegwood is well aware of the very serious morals situation in New Orleans Council a decade ago, which he says still is a handicapping stigma to the council there. He says things are "very fragile" and fears any media exposure will be a disaster to Scouting locally. He is hoping if and when charges are filed that they may not come to the media's attention. He has been advised to say as little as possible to the media beyond our usual confirmation of BSA position and the fact that [REDACTED] has been removed from all Scouting affiliation. He has been advised to refer callers to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

[REDACTED]  
B/4 12/55

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New Orleans Area Council

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Metairie, LA

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National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

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PAUL ERNST

For open file

Re NEW ORLEANS

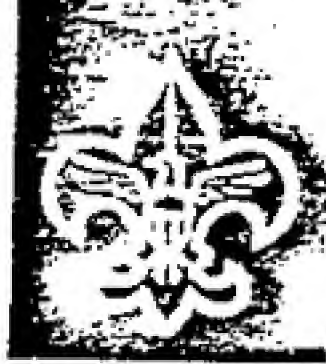
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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Joseph L. Anglim  
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South Central Region  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Irving, Texas 75015-2325  
telephone: [REDACTED]

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*228 FUE*

August 5, 1987

TO: Wayne Taylor  
Dean Lollar

FROM: Richard Bentley

SUBJECT: NEW ORLEANS, LA

*Steve Adams*

Talked with Hegwood this morning.

He says that so far things have been kept out of the papers on their child abuse case at camp.

He has hired a psychiatrist to work with the boy. Parents have not decided what action as yet. Probably will file suit.

NFL Alumni Association

Hegwood reported that he got a call from Mesa, Arizona, from <sup>a</sup> ~~an~~ detective representing the State Attorney General's Office.

They are investigating the National Football League Alumni Association in regard to the golf tournament held in Arizona.

The State of Arizona is subpoenaing all records from New Orleans in regard to their event held during Super Bowl last year.

Hegwood finds no discrepancies in his financial records.

No more information can be given because of gag order by Judge in Arizona.

RB:ff

cc: [REDACTED]

CONF015691

PORTEOUS, HAINKEL, JOHNSON AND SAPPY

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130-3774

CABLE PORT JOHN

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 EVAN MARR FOGELMAN  
 MICHAEL LOUIS MARTIN  
 CYNTHIA A. BACHER

3 September 1987

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:

Ms. Deborah Dues  
 National Council,  
 Boy Scouts of America

Irving, Texas 75038-3096

Re: Mr. Steve Adams

Dear Deborah:

I enclose herewith Mr. Ron Hegwood's chronology of events relative to the Steve Adams matter. You will also find the letter which Mr. Hegwood has written to Mr. Steve Adams advising him of the termination of his services. Mr. Hegwood has further advised the parents of the youths involved of the concern of the Boy Scouts and of the willingness to offer counselling and any other services. Mr. Hegwood has reported the matter to the authorities in Hancock County, Mississippi and in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. On August 28th, Mr. Hegwood advised me that the parents of one of the youngsters involved whose last name is [REDACTED] were speaking with Lt. Rushing of the Kenner, Louisiana police department. Thereafter they were going to discuss the matter with the sheriff of Hancock County, Mississippi.

With respect to the media, I have suggested that all inquiries from the media be turned over to me. I, of course, intend to advise any media person that we do not discuss our clients affairs with the press.

It was indeed a happy pleasure to speak with you and I hope that this matter will resolve without injury or damage to the Boy Scouts.

*Received from  
 Debbie Duke  
 9-10-87*

*deed 9/9/87*  
 RISK MANAGEMENT  
 SEP 8 1987

Ms. Deborah Dues  
3 September 1987  
Page Two

With all best wishes and assurances of our friendship,  
we remain

Cordially and sincerely yours,

PORTEOUS, HAINKEL, JOHNSON & SARPY

*William A. Porteous, III*  
WILLIAM A. PORTEOUS, III

WAP, III/val

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Fred W. Nodier  
Mr. Ron Hegwood

NEW ORLEANS AREA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Metairie, LA 70004 • [REDACTED]  
Council Office: [REDACTED] Metairie, LA 70002

August 3, 1987

Mr. Steve Adams  
[REDACTED]

Schriever, Louisiana 70395

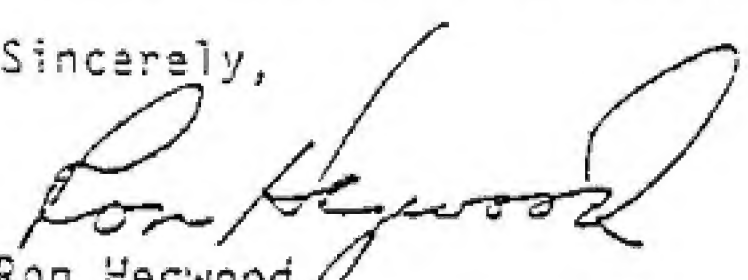
Dear Mr. Adams:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of the registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that the Boy Scouts of America membership registration is a privilege and not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American use.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by council review committee, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting this claim that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be reinstated.

Sincerely,

  
Ron Hegwood  
Scout Executive

RH:rb

cc: Fred Nodier  
Bill Porteous



John Meeks provided the following details that allegedly occurred the evening of Sunday, July 26, 1987.

- (A) Adams gave Staff member "B" a rub down called an attitude adjustment in the Health Lodge. The rub down was viewed by several Staff members including [REDACTED] and Camp Chaplain Robert C. Rogers.
- (B) Later that evening Adams lured Staff member "B" to a remote area of camp and allegedly sexually molested the Staff member--including oral sex.
- (C) The details of this incident were told to Bobby Bennett by Staff member "B" with a promise of confidentiality. Bennett passed on the information to James Inabinet again asking for confidentiality. Following the discussion with John Meeks, Johnny Sneed and I met with Bobby Bennett. Bennett denied Mrs. [REDACTED] story, acted surprised at the information. Under questioning about the Steve Adams and Staff member "B" matter, Bennett acknowledged that he had viewed the rub down in the Health Lodge and that he had become concerned later in the evening as to the whereabouts of Adams and Staff member "B". Because of this concern, Bennett and Chaplain Robert Rogers searched the camp for Adams and found them in an area called the "clay pit". Upon approaching this area, Steve Adams and Staff Member "B" met them on the trail and Bennett provided a ride back to camp for Staff member "B". In the conversation, Bennett denied knowledge of details of what might have occurred between Adams and Staff member "B". Following this meeting we met with Staff member "A". He acknowledged that he had seen Mrs. [REDACTED] at the Health Lodge

but denied wrongdoings. When asked why he had wrapped himself in a sheet upon seeing Mrs. [REDACTED], he could not give a logical explanation.

Following this interview, I talked to the Camp Chaplain Robert Rogers. Rogers indicated that he felt that certain things were going on at camp that were not acceptable. However, he pleaded confidentiality as a chaplain. He acknowledged that he had viewed the rub down on Sunday evening. Rogers could not give an adequate response as to why he had not reported this incident other than to say that it was an initiation. He would not shed any light on the encounter at the "clay pit".

Following the discussion with Rogers, we attempted to locate Staff member "B" and was told that he had left camp to return to New Orleans.

Friday, July 31.

- ° I telephoned Council President Fred Nodier and later that day he returned my call and I provided pertinent details.
- ° I attempted to contact Bill Porteous. He returned my call on two occasions but we were unable to make connections.
- ° I telephoned the National Council Boy Scouts of America. Attempted to discuss matter with attorney Dave Park and was referred to Debra in the Risk Management Department. Debra advised on procedures including notification of authorities, counseling available for Scouts and other recommendations.
- ° Contacted Children Protection Hotline in Jefferson Parish at 838-5345. I was told that they did not get involved unless it was inter-family molestation. They referred me to the juvenile authorities in Jefferson Parish.

- Telephoned Staff member "B" at his home to discuss the matter with him prior to involving his parents. Staff member "B" would only acknowledge that the rub down had occurred in the Health Lodge and that it was viewed by several staff members. I indicated to him that I had additional information but he refused to acknowledge anything other than the rub down. He said he would be returning to camp with his dad later in the day to secure personal gear, etc. I requested he have a discussion with his dad en route to camp and to confide in him. He agreed to do this and also agreed to telephone me on Tuesday, August 4. (Saturday and Sunday I was in Houston, Texas helping to relocate my daughter).

Monday, August 3: I arrived at the office and was met by John Meeks. John had met with Staff member "B" at camp on Friday afternoon. "B" alleged that Steve Adams molested him in the "clay pit" area of camp. Following the attitude adjustment in the Health Lodge, Adams drove "B" to the Staff area for a change of clothes and then suggested that he drive Staff member "B" back to the Health Lodge. Instead of returning to the Health Lodge Adams drove to the family camping area. At this point, "B" protested using the excuse that he had to go to the restroom. Adams, at that point, drove to the family latrine area and positioned the truck in such a manner that Staff member "B" could not escape. Following the stop at the latrine, Adams then drove to the clay pit area. Upon arriving at the clay pit area, Adams fondled "B" while in the truck. During the fondling, an auto approached occupied by Camp Chaplain Robert Rogers and Bobby Bennett. Adams commented to "B" that Bobby Bennett was probably looking for a place to park. Bobby and Chaplain Rogers left the area and Steve Adams and "B" left the truck and went to the clay pit. Steve Adams performed oral sex on Staff member "B": Staff member "B" was unable to get an erection. Adams became frustrated with this and asked Staff member "B" to perform oral sex on him. Staff member "B" performed this act for less than a minute. Finally, Adams

applied a lubricate to ●s thighs and asked Staff memb ● "B" to get on top of him. Staff member "B" again, could not get an erection. Rogers and Bennett returned to the scene. At that time, Adams told Staff member "B" to put his pants on and they approached the car. Staff member "B" returned to camp in the automobile with Bennett and the chaplain returned with Adams. Following this disclosure, John Meeks discussed the details with Johnny Sneed in New Orleans. They made a determination that they should wait until I returned from Houston to meet with the parents. Circumstances developed; however, that forced a meeting between Johnny Sneed, John Meeks, Staff member "B" and his parents in Metairie on Saturday evening. Following this discussion with John Meeks on Monday, August 3, I carried out the following actions:

1. Notified Juvenile Authorities in Jefferson Parish. First attempted to discuss the matter with Sheriff Harry Lee who was unavailable and was referred to Captain Fred Williams, Juvenile Department. Captain Williams indicated this would be in the jurisdiction of Hancock County. He subsequently talked to the authorities in Hancock County.

Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, Hancock County called and we discussed the alledged molestation. Sheriff Peterson and I agreed that I would contact the parents of Staff member "B" and provide them with the Sheriff's telephone number in Hancock County. I contacted the father of Staff member "B" at his office and he requested a meeting at 1:00 P.M.

- Both parents of Staff member "B" met with me to discuss the implications of pressing charges. Their primary concern was the protection of their son. They expressed a desire to punish Steve Adams, but stated that the decision to press charges was essentially their son's.

We discussed counseling and I committed to providing a recommendation of potential counselors. ~~The parents appeared to be reasonable people with the primary concern being the welfare of their son. of potential counselors.~~ The parents appeared to be reasonable people with the

primary concern being the welfare of their . I indicated to the parents that I planned no further involvement in this matter pending their decision to press charges. I also stated that we would support their decision regardless of the course of action. Later that day I called the father and provided the name of two counselors.

Monday evening, I telephoned camp to discuss the situation with James Inabinet. He provided the names of two additional minor age Staff members who allegedly received "attitude adjustments" at camp. This consisted of rub downs using Ben Gay, etc.

Wednesday, August 5

- ° Telephoned Sheriff Peterson of Hancock County. He indicated that the County would not investigate the matter or carry out any action unless the parents pressed charges. I attempted to get an opinion regarding the possibilities of a conviction. The Sheriff refused to speculate on this other than to say that in most cases the jury supports the minor's story. He also indicated that Mississippi has a fondling law which applies to youth under 15 years of age. The information to-date does not involve anyone under 15.
- ° Telephoned the father of "B". No decision on pressing charges.
- ° Telephoned National BSA office--up-dated Debra Duhs.
- ° Talked to parents of Staff member "D" (identified by James Inabinet) mother was aware that her son went through the "attitude adjustment". She is convinced that nothing else occurred. (I provided no details on other matters.) She indicated that her son had a tremendous experience at camp and is extremely interested in serving on Staff next summer.
- ° Talked to mother of Staff member "C"--left word for "C" to telephone me on Thursday evening.

Thursday, August 6

- ° Talked by telephone to father of "B". He indicated that "B" was scheduled for a counseling session on Friday morning (August 7). The family will make a decision on pressing charges on August 7 or two weeks from now upon returning from vacation. I offered continued support.
- ° Telephone call from "C"--he stated that he had not gone through an attitude adjustment session but was aware that these sessions occurred. He could not identify anyone who had gone through the session.

Tuesday, August 4

- A. Accompanied by John Meeks and Johnny Sneed, I drove to Schriever, Louisiana and delivered a letter to Steve Adams dismissing him from the program of the Boy Scouts of America. In addition, Adams had served as a volunteer caretaker for a fishing camp located near Cutoff, Louisiana and owned by the council. I secured the keys to the camp. Adams asked for the details of this dismissal but I did not elaborate.
- B. Rick Bachmann telephoned and I briefed him on the situation. Rick thought that I should continue a discreet investigation interviewing anyone that might have been implicated.
- C. Following my conversation with Bachmann, I telephoned the National Office for advice. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that I should follow up with any other parties that had been implicated.
- D. I telephoned the homes of two minors--both Staff members (approximately 15 years of age). Both boys had allegedly received an "attitude adjustment" from Adams which consisted of a rub down with Ben Gay, etc.  
Staff member "C" was not at home. Staff member "D"--No answer.



## SUMMARY THOUGHTS

1. During the employment of Steve Adams, Larry Enlow expressed a concern that Adams was in his mid-thirties and not married. Camp Director Eric Howell, who knew Steve down played this concern and he was hired on the basis that there was no hint of impropriety. He is a trained emergency medical technician.

2. I am concerned about the actions of Chaplain Robert Rogers. John Meeks picked up a rumor the last week of camp regarding the attitude adjustment sessions. John did not have the details of what was happening, but followed up with Chaplain Rogers and he was assured that there was nothing to be concerned about.

Eric Howell also became aware of the attitude adjustment sessions in the 4th week of camp. This matter was brought to Eric's attention by a Staff member who had gone through an attitude adjustment session. Eric followed up with Steve Adams at this time and instructed him to immediately stop this practice.

In my opinion, neither Eric nor John had sufficient details to be overly concerned about these matters prior to Thursday, July 30 when details started to unfold. As a matter of fact, they were under the impression that the attitude adjustment implied using pressure point control, etc.

3. I am convinced that I made a mistake in the designation of the two camp directors for the summer session. Eric Howell served for 3 weeks and John Meeks served 3 weeks. In retrospect, this arrangement eroded the authority figure of the Camp Director and allowed a master manipulator like Steve Adams to seize an opportunity. I can find no serious fault in their actions.